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U.S. Ambassador Discusses Educational Cooperation with IUM

U.S. Ambassador Thomas Daughton met with administrators of The International University of Management (IUM) to explore opportunities for continued educational cooperation between the United States and Namibia. IUM Founder Dr. David Richard Namwandi welcomed Ambassador Daughton and his team.

“We share the same ambition to help develop a skilled workforce that can meet Namibia’s economic and social development needs,” said Ambassador Daughton.

Discussion began with recollection of the successful partnership presented by the Millennium Challenge Corporation compact, particularly in the areas of travel, tourism and hospitality. IUM administrators shared current challenges and opportunities presented by increasing student interest in higher education, particularly in fields such as technology and finance.

U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Officer Priscilla Hernandez shared information about U.S. Department of State Educational and Cultural Affairs programs, including opportunities presented with Fulbright Specialists and through similar professional exchanges. “We discussed successful models of university linkages in the region with U.S. universities,” she said. Educational exchange opportunities range from issue-specific digital video conferencing with U.S. experts to more lengthy relationships that promote ongoing professional development between students, professors and administrators.

During a tour of IUM’s newest facilities, Ambassador Daughton noted the ample lecture and computer lab space. He also expressed appreciation for IUM’s vision to promote cross-cultural educational and professional development.

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